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The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket No. 13-5, Technology Transitions; GN Docket No. 12-353, AT&T
Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition; WC Docket
No. 05-25, Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers.

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Education and broadband are two of the most important factors in preparing our children for success in the 21st century.

I am the owner and operator of Tomorrow's World, a childcare facility based in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. We believe in helping children prepare for tomorrow by providing good beginnings in the early stages of their life. We provide a loving and caring environment that builds a sense of security in the child, important for positive experiences in group settings.

As an early educational professional, I witness children's relationships with technology and believe access to broadband and the Internet can help bridge digital and economic divides for our communities.

Not long after the children leave our day care facility, their elementary schools will expose them to online learning tools. Some schools are even offering coding for kids.

At Tomorrow's World, we rely on our phone and Internet system for both safety and as a communication tool, connecting with parents eager to learn about their child's development.

Our needs are different than elementary and secondary education facilities. That is why it is important to have several different broadband packages, options and providers in the marketplace. With our age group, we focus on interactive play time, and not interactive screen time. That is the reason we wanted a lower cost option that would meet the needs of our facility and staff.

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Tomorrow's World currently employs twelve full time, dedicated childcare professionals. Access to affordable broadband options enables day care centers like ours to dedicate more resources to tots, toddlers and teachers.

As the FCC engages in discussions about the future of broadband networks, we encourage you to continue to protect broadband access and connections for our schools and students. The availability of low cost, affordable broadband options make it easier for school administrators and day care owners to invest in teachers and caregivers.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the experiences of early learning and educational institutions and child care facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jane Johnson".

Mary Jane Johnson
Owner

cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
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